(d) under what class is Mr. M. Karunanidhi, one of the arrested leaders on 15th July 1953 at Dalmiapuram, placed in the Tiruchirappalli jail?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—" (a) The reports received by Government show that thirty-six persons were arrested on 15th July 1953.

" (b) Two persons are reported to have lost their lives as a result of the opening of fire by the police.

" (c) Sixteen persons (excluding police officers) are reported to have been injured. The Government have no information as to how many of these sixteen persons were injured as a result of the action taken by the police to disperse the crowd.

" (d) According to a telephonic enquiry made, the prisoner was placed in 'C' class. The Magistrate who convicted the prisoner had no powers to recommend classifying the prisioner 'A' or 'B' and no representation was made at that time. The question is treated as a representation and Government have ordered the prisoner to be put in 'B' class."

Producers-cum-Consumer Societies in Malabar.

* 1290 *Q.*—SRI A. APPU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) whether there have been numerous cases of misappropriation of large sums of money in the several Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies in Malabar;

(b) how such cases of misappropriation were dealt with and what has been the total amount detected to have been lost so far; and

(c) what steps the Government propose to take to improve the working of these societies in future?

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—" (a) to (c) The attention of the Member is invited to the answer furnished to the question (unstarred) No. 49 (82) answered on 16th July 1953."

Subsidy for cottage industries.

* 1291 *Q.*—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(a) how many societies for the development of Cottage Industries have been subsidised by the State Government during the years 1951–52, and 1952–53 and the amount of grant or subsidy paid each year; and

(b) how many of them are managed by the Harijans and the subsidy granted to them last year?

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THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA:—" (a) In the year 1951–52, 68 Cottage Industrial Co-operative Societies received subsidies totalling Rs. 37,705. During 1952–53, 40 such societies were granted a total subsidy of rupees 22,483.

" (b) Six Societies are mostly managed by Harijans. During last year, i.e., 1952–53, an amount of Rs. 1,896 was granted as subsidy to them."

Recruitment of School Assistants by the Public Service Commission.

* 1292 Q.—SRI S. S. KOLKEBAIL: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Madras Public Service Commission invited applications for recruitment as School Assistants in Government Schools in March 1951, and if so, how many applicants offered themselves for the said posts; and

(b) how many were interviewed and how many of them were selected and appointed?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) Yes. 333 (three hundred and thirty-three).

" (b) The recruitment was postponed."

Lignite Mines at Neyveli, South Arcot.

* 1293 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total expenditure so far met by the State Government to the quarrying project at the Neyveli Lignite mines at South Arcot district; and

(b) what is the expenditure met by the Government in the pilot project for open cut operation in an open area 500 × 500?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) The total approximate expenditure met by the State Government up to April 1953 on the Quarrying Project is Rs. 33,47,245.

" (b) The expenditure met up to 10th May 1953 on the pilot project for open cut operation is Rs. 6,37,468."

* 1294 Q.—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH:—" I do not want to put the question, Sir."

September examinations for pupil teachers.

* 1295 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether the Government propose to conduct September Examinations for the pupil teachers failing in March Examinations in the teachers' training institutions?